

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the current Abstract, and substitute the attached Substitute Abstract therefor.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

Sub B3 > 1. (Amended) A fluid coupling comprising first and second coupling members having respective gasket holding annular ridges on butting end faces thereof, and an annular gasket interposed between the two coupling members, the fluid coupling being characterized in that at least one of the coupling members has a fluid channel comprising an opening passageway orthogonal to the butting end face thereof, and a slanting main passageway communicating therewith, and having a diameter smaller than the diameter of the opening passageway, the diameter of the opening passageway being equal to the inside diameter of the annular ridge, the gasket having an inside diameter smaller than the diameter of the opening passageway.